



NEDS Bulletin

*Publication of the
New England Daylily Society*

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**AHS Region 4 2008
Peak Bloom Regional**
*Featuring 5 wonderful tour gardens
in southern New Hampshire*

*Hosted by
New England Daylily Society*

Date: July 18-20
Special Guest Speakers

Dan Bachman - Ohio [\(Visit Dan's Web Pages\)](#)
Phil Reilly - Florida [\(Visit Phil's Web Pages\)](#)



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2008 Region 4 Convention
142 Williams Road
Ashburnham, MA 01430

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Words from the President – July 2008

Summer is finally here!! We have a number of plants with scapes shooting up. It looks like it will be a spectacular summer.

I would like to thank all of those who brought plants to the May sale and auction. Your support to the club is appreciated.

July 18-20 our club is hosting the annual Region 4 Meeting. There are a number of amazing gardens on the tour. We also will have two entertaining speakers in Dan Bachman and Phil Reilly. As of the time that I am writing this, we are up to 168 daylily fanatics, so it should be a blast! If you have not yet signed up, then get to it!

For our August auction, we need volunteers to help with hospitality and clean-up. If anyone is interested, please let me know before the meeting. The morning help needs to be there at 8:00 to help with set up.

There is a possibility that we may need to move our meeting location. UMass has decided that they do not want the facility used on weekends to save on janitorial expenses. We will still be able to have our August sale / auction at the facility, but after that we could be locked out. We are still in discussions with UMass at this time but we are looking at alternative locations in case we can not meet at the field house after August. Stay tuned to the NEDS Yahoo mail group and to future bulletins for more details.

I want to wish everyone a healthy, safe and happy summer in the garden!

--Paul Bourret

Secretary's Report -May 10th, 2008

Board Meeting

The board meeting convened at 9:30 with Leila Cross, Carl Harmon, Dan Pessoni, and Denise P. missing. The following items were not covered at the business meeting.

1. According to the Rose Society, the Waltham Facility will close in July. AI – Dorothy Campbell will check with the Waltham Facility next week.
2. Door Prize plants –

- Phil Reilly sent clumps instead of double fans. It was decided to auction off the extra fans today.
- Memory Jordan of Jordan Daylilies sent lots of bonus plants. The board decided that plants valued under \$50 would go in the auction today, and those valued at over \$50 would be sent to the Region 4 Meeting auction.

Program Highlights

There was no morning or afternoon program due to the sale and auction.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was presided over by the President. There were 66 members present.

The following items were discussed at the business meeting:

1. Paul B. thanked the auction chairs and all who donated plants.
2. It was announced that the confirmation letters would go out shortly to those who had registered for the Regional meeting.
3. Ruth Boenke, a long time NEDS member, passed away recently and her niece, who inherited the property, said that anyone from NEDS could come and dig up daylilies. All daylilies are marked. Leslie Nolan will coordinate and arrange a time for all to go to Ruth's home in Warwick, Rhode Island. Anyone interested should contact Leslie.
4. Two people who won Linda Michaels plants haven't picked them up. They will be potted up and available at the August auction
5. Jocelyn announced that she and Mike Huben would be doing a program in the fall on local favorites. All members are asked to pay more attention to their own plants and bring a list, perhaps with pictures on a CD or flash drive, to the October meeting.
6. This month's door prizes were won by:
CATHY CUTE LEGS - Pat M.
BABY BLUE EYES – Debra Ballew
EXTREME FUN – Jocelyn Spragg

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Campbell, Secretary

AHS Region 4 Peak Bloom Regional

The regional is almost upon us. There are still slots for volunteers manning the registration table, digging bus plants, and filling the registration bags. If you can spare some time to help out send me an email at ownedbycats@comcast.net or call my cell phone at 603-275-0488. See ya'll in July :)

Kim Walters, regional chair,
Sandown, NH
AHS Region 4

Donations needed for NEDS Boutique

The Boutique will be open at the regional on Friday from 2-5 PM and on Saturday from 3-5 PM. In addition to the other vendors that will be there, NEDS will have a table where we will be selling daylilies to benefit the club. If you have daylilies you would like to donate for the club, please bring them to the regional and get them to me. Please have them labeled and please have them bare-root and clean. This will facilitate phytosanitary inspections for any of our guests from Canada.

Also, if you would like to volunteer an hour or two to man the table or to help sell tickets for the Chinese auction items, please let me know what times you can help. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Lisa Bourret, boutique coordinator

ELM BANK NEWS

Our NEDS Display and Historic Garden at ELM BANK continues to need help deadheading during our peak bloom in July. Anyone who can come "live head" late on a Friday Evening is especially welcome to do so. The Saturday Brides (who are booked for the next two years) really appreciate it as they can take pictures there.

By visiting you are bound to find a newer, more expensive, or miniature daylily (we have some 7" to 9" high) to add to your collection by looking at ours. We are in the process of painting the markers a daylily foliage green and applying weatherproof white labels Laser 5520. At 1500 labels per box for about \$45 per box, each label is .03 cents. As you may have found

out, Avery is no longer making the clear labels that last 6 years in the garden, so we have had to switch to these new ones specially for use on garden markers and metal, and they read just as good with 14 point ms sans serif, bolded and underlined for the Daylily Name. At 30 per page we can print them at Staples on their Laser printer for .08 cents each page by inserting our credit card. We do this by inserting the avery page upside down in drawer number 4 and selecting drawer number 4 to print from. We bring the master page with inkjet print previously formatted 30 labels per sheet and printed at home from Microsoft (envelopes and labels)

In March we lent the Massachusetts Horticultural Society 18 early early, first early or extra early daylilies for the Master Gardener Exhibit. They were forced in the greenhouses and it was a real kick to see these 'May Blooming' daylilies blooming in March at the show. Of course when I got them back they continued to bloom right through to a May planting time.

Special thanks to Rachel Flaksman from Rhode Island who weeded this month and found some snails. It was really appreciated Rachel. We have at least 620 cultivars to visit there and more that have been donated to the children's garden; e.g. Pinocchio, Miss Tinkerbelle, Little Gingerbread Man, etc.

Special thanks to her niece and Ruth Boenke for letting us dig some special oldies for the garden from Orville Fay, Edna Spalding, Allen Wild, Arlow Stout (1953- POINSETTIA), David Hall and Mr. Womble (1949-TIA JUANA) from Ruth's very special collection.

The Trustees of MassHort (for the fourth or fifth time) have let go a lot of their employees and are on minimum staff at the present. We are so sad to see them go. Financial Problems was the reason so if you can help out I'm sure they would appreciate a donation. Our garden continues to thrive and as we are volunteers we will always be employed. Mulching last fall really helped keep the weeds down this year.

See you at the Regional.
Barbara Provost, NEDS Garden Manager

August Plant Sale and Auction

On Saturday, August 23, at the Waltham Field Station, NEDS will host the annual **public plant sale and auction**. As usual, members are asked to donate daylilies cleaned, trimmed and labeled for the \$5 tables. Much excitement builds as both members and the general public line up outside the doors anticipating the ten o'clock opening.

After lunch, area and babysitting plants, as well as groups of cultivars from the morning plant tables are enthusiastically auctioned. All of this to benefit the activities of the New England Daylily Society. Carl Harmon has contributed information on the plants which have been purchased, planted and cared for by NEDS members as "babysitting" plants.

August auction chair, Harold Cross has sent this list of "area" plants which the club has purchased to also be included in the auction.

GREYWOODS FRUITE DELOOPS
GREYWOODS ROAD TO MECCA
GREYWOODS TALLYHO
GREYWOODSLADY PURSALOT
GREYWOODS DOTTIE DO LITTLE
GREYWOODS DIXIE BELLE
GREYWOODS GREAT DANA
SUMMER MINARET
ROB AND DARLYN
INCA TRUMPETER
VICTOR VICTORIA
HOW BEAUTIFUL
MIXED BLESSINGS
MIDNIGHT ANGEL
VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS
EVENING CONCERTO
BELLE COOK
JT DAVIS
ANCIENT WISDOM

Looks to be an exciting day, so come with your checkbook ready to help support NEDS and take home some great plants.



Greywoods Road to Mecca (pic courtesy of D. Wilkinson)



Belle Cook (pic courtesy of Gerda Brooker)



Midnight Angel (pic courtesy Gerda Brooker)



Greywoods Tallyho (pic courtesy of D. Wilkinson)

Babysitting plants

The 2005 Babysitting Plants are due for the August Auction. If you are the holder of one of the babysitting plants listed below you need to bring the plant in its entirety to the August meeting washed, labeled and trimmed to about 12". You also need to present the plant to Carl Harmon before lunch in order to divide it (hopefully) and also to get credit for returning the plant. Please **do not** place it on the tables with the rest of the auction plants.

The entire plant is to be returned as the grower does not get to keep any of the plant. If you can not bring the plant in person, please arrange for someone else to bring it in or contact me in advance to make other arrangements.

**Carl Harmon

Babysitting Plant Chairman

603 880-6228 harmonhill25@comcast.net

The following plants are due to be returned for the August Auction:

CULTIVAR	NEDS MEMBER
FRACTAL(Stamile 2004)	Rich Blanchard
SHUFFLE THE DECK (E. Shooter 2003)	Bill Chambers
ORCHID VISITATION	Joan Dahl
ORIGIN STORIES (M. Reed, 2005)	Marlene Harmon
CRETACEOUS CRUTCH (Lambertson 2002)	Gary Jones
WREN'S SONG (Stamile 2003)	Julie Maher
TRANQUIL WATERS (Stamile 2004)	Leslie Nolan
JERRY HYATT (C. Hanson)	Charmaine Rich
SNAKE IN THE GRASS BOO (E. Shooter, 2003)	Kim Walters
GYPSY ROSE (M. Mason, 2005)	Elaine Wickstrom



Fractal (Stamile 2004)



Shuffle the Deck (E. Shooter 2003)

NEDS – Oct 2008 Program discussion

Mike Huben and Jocelyn Spragg have offered to lead a one-hour discussion at the Oct 2008 NEDS meeting on the topic of “What Daylilies Are Performers for You?”. We all read about branching and bud count, but a discussion of what really performs well in our own region, under our own growing conditions, would be useful. SO – during the coming growing season, look at your daylilies and take pictures of them with an eye to sharing observations during this discussion. What’s well-branched? Is the branching pleasing to look at, or is it angular and awkward? What has high bud count? Are the buds well-spaced and bloom over a long period of time? What seems to be a bud-builder (i. e., keeps on forming new buds on the same scape)? Mike’s rule of thumb on this is seven or more buds on the same scape. What does the foliage look like? Is the whole plant pleasing to look at? In summary, if you had very limited garden space, and wanted maximum show over the longest period of time, which daylilies would earn a place in your garden?

Plan to bring some pictures to the Oct meeting, in a format that can be loaded into the computer before the discussion begins – and plan to let everybody know what zone you garden in, and what your cultural practices are (e.g., can you water or not).

Mike and Jocelyn have also offered to lead a discussion on cultural practices for the Dec. 2008 meeting – more on that in a later NEDS bulletin.

A Day at Ruth’s

Barbara Provest, along with her helpers Rachel Flaksman and myself, dug daylilies from the home of the late Ruth Boenke in Warwick, Rhode Island on May 16, 2008. These cultivars were added to the collection at Elm Bank. Although wet and rainy, we had a great time selecting cultivars from Ruth’s collection and reminiscing about her and many former NEDS members as each daylily marker was read. Ruth had a nice collection of historic daylilies, including TIA JUANA (Womble, 1949), POINTSETTIA (Stout, 1953), MARY LILY ELLIOT (Lambert-Umstead, 1967) and various others from the 1970’s and 1980’s. Talking with Barbara between dodging raindrops was so enjoyable as she is such a

wealth of information. She knew of nearly every daylily name that was read and had a story to tell about each of them. Ruth’s garden is full of other perennials and Barbara educated Rachel and I about them. Barbara was impressed with an incredible specimen of Harry Lauder’s Walking Stick Tree, *Corylus contorta*, which she estimated to be about 50 years old.

Having only been introduced to daylilies in 2003, I fully admit to being uneducated on historic daylilies and the people who created them. Barbara and Rachel are very knowledgeable and are members of the Historic Daylily Project, www.historicdaylilies.com. I was elated to learn about Howard Brooks, Richard Peck, Robert Griesbach, and others.

Ruth would be pleased to know the daylilies she cherished so much will now be given excellent care at Elm Bank and enjoyed by thousands of visitors each year.

-Leslie Nolan



Rachel Flaksman and Barbara Provest

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DAYLILY INTERNET WEBSITE LISTINGS

Check out the NEW website for NEDS at www.nedaylily.org Past bulletins are posted on the website.

Region 4 Home Page: Tom Rood has been working on changes to the Region #4 web site. Our new Region #4 domain address is www.ahsregion4.org. Please advise RVP Melodye Campbell of any necessary corrections or additions .

Please consult the Region 4 home page for details on any of the region's various club events and activities.

AHS WWW Home Page

<http://www.daylilies.org/daylilies.html>

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Membership: Membership in NEDS is complementary to membership in the AHS. There are no additional NED's dues and the e-mail bulletin is included. SO....

Join the AHS and keep your membership current. Membership in AHS is by calendar year – Jan-Dec.

Membership Renewal is due by January 1st

Each year. Individual dues are \$25 year, or \$70/ 3 years. Family membership (2 persons) is \$30, or \$83 for 3 years. Life membership: \$500. Youth membership: \$10.

Payment must be made to AHS Executive Secretary. Pat Mercer P.O. Box 10, Dexter, GA 31019

FUTURE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

NEDS Programs for 2008

July 18-20	Region 4 convention in Nashua, NH
Aug. 23	Public Plant Sale and Auction
Oct. 4	TBA
Nov. 8	TBA
Dec. 13	TBA

Meeting Dates for 2009

Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9

Aug. 29 (plant sale & auction), Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12

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